Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, From his first day as an assistant park manager at Lake Herman State Park, Marty DeWitt has shown enthusiasm, creativity, and pride in his work - despite the fact that when he showed up from Vermont for the first day of work his supervisor did not recognize him; and,

Whereas, Marty overlooked this first impression of the state parks and went on to make his mark at Lake Louise, Newton Hills, the Pierre office and, for the last 11 years, Palisades State Park; and,

Whereas, Marty will be remembered for his involvement in many exciting projects and special events across the state, including the expansion of summer programming, the restoration of Ft. Sisseton, the development of the Adams Nature Preserve, the increased emphasis on customer service, and teaching kids and families about their natural surroundings; and,

Whereas, Marty made work a joy for all around him, with his upbeat attitude, his sense of humor, and his willingness to perform at numerous unprestigious department functions and retirements as part of Big Dog and The Strays; and,

Whereas, Marty's outstanding character is displayed by his dedication to the betterment of his community, and his caring and devotion to his family; and,

Whereas, The visitors to South Dakota's State Park System and staff have enjoyed and appreciated his lasting contributions for over three decades; and,

Whereas, In September, 2011, after 33 years of service to the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Marty is retiring; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to honor Marty on this momentous occasion and thank him for his outstanding service to the people of South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 22nd, 2011 as

MARTY DEWITT DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, co-workers, and countless outdoor enthusiasts across the state in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Judy A. Larson Exec. Asst.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State